

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(7)

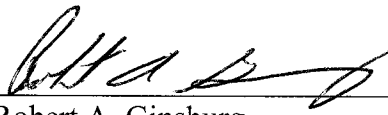
TO: Hon. Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 20, 2004

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
Haitian Refugee Immigration
Fairness Act of 2003

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Jimmy L. Morales and Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle.


Robert A. Ginsburg
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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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1-20-04

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE SUPPORT AND PASSAGE OF
THE HAITIAN REFUGEE IMMIGRATION FAIRNESS ACT
OF 2003

WHEREAS, United States Representative Kendrick Meek has introduced the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (“HRIFA 2003”) on October 2, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the HRIFA 2003 is designed to enable more Haitian refugees to become permanent residents pursuant to the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 1998 (“HRIFA 1998”); and

WHEREAS, the HRIFA 2003 eligibility requirements and applications dates will remain the same as the 1998 Act; and

WHEREAS, the HRIFA 2003 will expand coverage to most Haitian refugees who arrived in this country by air; forbid the government from deporting any Haitian refugee with a pending HRIFA application; and require the government to reopen and reconsider applications for adjustment of status under HRIFA 1998 that are affected by the HRIFA 2003 amendments; and

WHEREAS, due to government delays in drafting regulations and processing, many children whose parents applied for relief under the HRIFA 1998 have “aged out” or become adults under the law before their applications could be considered; and

WHEREAS, the HRIFA 2003 makes it possible to reopen these cases so that children will not be penalized for growing older before the government acted; and

WHEREAS, the HRIFA 2003 is a reasonable and responsible bill to improve the fairness of immigration laws,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The Miami-Dade Board of County Commission urges the support and passage of the Haitian Refugee Immigration and Fairness Improvement Act of 2003.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the U.S. Senate and the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. General Services Administration, and the Chair of the Miami-Dade County Legislative delegation.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Jimmy L. Morales and Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and offered by Commissioner

, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner

and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson

Bruno A. Barreiro
Betty T. Ferguson
Joe A. Martinez
Dennis C. Moss
Natacha Seijas
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jimmy L. Morales
Dorrin D. Rolle
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of January, 2004. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Marcia G. Cooke

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